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Letter dated 17 August 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, and with reference to the identical letters of the Israeli regime, dated 28 June 2017, addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2017/555), containing fabricated information and baseless allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

1. The claim made in the above-mentioned letter regarding the test launch of a ballistic missile on 15 November 2016 and the use of a specific marking as target practice is a sheer falsehood. Spreading such disinformation represents a deliberate abuse of United Nations procedures in order to divert international attention from the real threat posed to the regional peace and security emanating from Israel's expansionist policy and its continued practice of occupation and aggression.

2. It has been reiterated by the Islamic Republic of Iran, including in its statement following the adoption of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) contained in document S/2015/550, that Iranian military capabilities, including ballistic missiles, have not been designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons and, thus, are outside the purview of the Security Council resolution.

3. It is ludicrous and hypocritical that Israel, in its letter, invokes the parameters and guidelines of an export control regime that it has never respected. The development, testing, stockpiling and deployment of ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons by the Israeli regime bears testimony to the fact that it has no respect for the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) and also demonstrates the failure of the Control Regime to prevent the export of the very missile technology, as well as ballistic missiles, capable of delivering nuclear weapons to the Israeli regime. It should be underlined that such a non-transparent and exclusive export control regime, which was established outside the United Nations framework, provides no legal basis for application to the terms of paragraph 3 of annex B of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015).

4. The heinous terrorist attacks by Da'esh in Tehran on 7 June 2017, as detailed in my letter dated 9 June 2017 (S/2017/489), similar to those that have occurred in many other cities around the world, proves once again the importance of appropriately addressing terrorism and violent extremism as a common global threat. The Islamic Republic of Iran is determined in its fight against terrorism and violent extremism which is, by no coincidence, actively supported by the Israeli

regime, inter alia, under the guise of humanitarian assistance to the injured terrorists in Syria.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Gholamali **Khoshroo**
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